

# Nahodishgish Chapter

Navajo Name is Nahodeeshgiizh (Cross Sections of Canyons)

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## NAHODISHGISH CHAPTER

*Navajo name:* Nahodeeshgiizh

*Interpretation:* Cross sections of canyons

*Indian Population:* 1980 Census: 272

1990 Census: 313

2000 Census:

*Estimated land size:* 63,514.73 Acres

*Land Management District :* 15

### GOVERNMENT

*Number of Chapter NNC delegate(s):* 1

*Delegate(s) shared with:*

Becenti Chapter

Crownpoint Chapter

*Navajo Police district office covering Chapter :*

Crownpoint District

*Tribal offices that provide services within Chapter :*

Dept of Head Start Women, Infants & Children

Division of Social Services Community Health Rep

Community Services Navajo Housing Services

Veteran's Administration Dept of Behavioral Health

Workforce Development Tribal Courts

### MEDICAL

*Hospital(s) where most Chapter people go:*

Hospital Town

Crownpoint Ind Health Care Facility

Crownpoint, NM

### EDUCATION

*Total enrollment by school (Fall of 2003):*

School Enrolled

Dalton Pass Pre-School 20

Children from the chapter area attend schools at Crownpoint Community School, and Tse' iiaii Community School in Standing Rock. Area students also attend Dine' College, Crownpoint Institute of Technology, and University of New Mexico at Gallup.

### COMMUNICATIONS

*No. of computers available for public use at Chapter:* 4

*No. of public payphones in the community:* 0

*Regular TV reception; stations received:*

Call Letters Town

KOAT Albuquerque, NM

KOB(F)	ABQ (Farmington), NM
KRQE	Albuquerque, NM
KNME	Albuquerque, NM

*Clear AM radio stations received:*

Call Letters Town

KTNN	Window Rock, AZ
KNDN	Farmington, NM
KGAK	Gallup, NM
KYVA	Gallup, NM

*Clear FM radio stations received:*

Call Letters Town

KKOR	Gallup, NM
KGLX	Gallup, NM
KXTC	Gallup, NM
KISZ	Cortez, CO
KRTZ	Albuquerque, NM

*Newspaper received within the Chapter :*

<u>Name of Paper</u>	<u>Town</u>
Navajo Times	Window Rock, AZ
The Independent	Gallup, NM
Albuquerque Journal	Albuquerque, NM

*Courier services within the chapter:*

United Parcel Service  
Federal Express

**RECREATIONAL FACILITIES**

Park  
Baseball Field  
Outside Basketball Court  
Outside Tennis Courts  
Library  
Rodeo Arena  
Fairgrounds  
General Recreation Building

**PUBLIC FACILITIES**

No. of Office spaces at Chapter2  
Senior Citizen Center  
Warehouse  
Headstart Building

**EQUIPMENT (Maintained by Chapter)**

Farm Tractor  
Flatbed

**SCENIC ATTRACTIONS**

Historic Building (Old Chapter House)

**CIVIC**

*Churches:*

<u>Name of Church</u>	<u>Est'd</u>	<u>Membership</u>
First Navajo Baptist		25+

*Indigenous:*

Traditional Navajo  
Native American Church

*Community organizations:*

Senior Council  
Community Land Use Planning Committee  
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### **COMMERCIAL**

*Available commercial establishments in the Chapter :*

Closest commercial establishments are at  
Crownpoint.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

*Paved roads through the chapter area:*

Navajo Route 9

*Distances to:*

Agency: Crownpoint 12 miles

Window Rock 58 miles

(via Navajo Route 9)

Gallup, NM 48 miles

(via Navajo Route 9)

Grants, NM 65 miles

(via Thoreau)

### **MAJOR EMPLOYERS**

No. of	
<u>Name of Employer</u>	<u>Employees</u>
Bureau of Indian Affairs	12
Navajo Nation	15
Indian Health Service	9
Public Schools	8
Navajo Housing Authority	4
Crownpoint Institute of Technology	4
Basha's	4

Note: Many residents commute to Crownpoint or other areas for employment, thus the employers reported above (except *Navajo Nation*) are not situated within the chapter area.

### **LOCAL NATURAL RESOURCES**

Uranium

Coal

### **COMMUNITY/COOPERATIVE FARMING**

None.

### **BRIEF OVERVIEW OF CHAPTER**

Nahodishgish is located in the southeast corner of the Navajo Reservation, approximately twelve miles west of Crownpoint in McKinley County of New Mexico. The chapter land base is within the Eastern Navajo Agency.

In the 1870's, a Navajo family settled in the Nahodishgish area. The family adopted the name Morgan. *J.C. Morgan* was from this family. He was elected the fifth chairman of the Navajo Tribal Council and served a term from 1938 to 1942. In 1927, an Anglo by the name of Jesse Dalton opened up the first trading post near the southern area of the canyon. A pass in the higher region was named "Dalton Pass" and for this reason the chapter has also been referred to by this name.

The chapter house originally built in 1963 was renovated in 1993. Two other buildings are on the 780-acre chapter compound, a pre-school built in 1967 and a warehouse built in 1978. The Chapter has plans for a Senior Citizen Center and is awaiting project funding. Nahodishgish is one of the few chapters that does not have a paved road leading to the chapter house. The nearest paved road is 1.6 miles.

There are 15 mutual help housing units and 10 public rental units (under

the Navajo Housing Authority) in the community. The subdivision is called *Nahodish-gish Morgan Valley Estates* and has a housing committee. The chapter was allocated another 20 units by NHA and and construction in the late 1990s.

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